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Town of
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Year ending December 31, 1988

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is dedicated to . . .

The Kinsman Valley Club

. . . a women's organization open to all ladies who are residents of Easton.

Originally, it was a Women's Auxiliary connected with the Easton Union Church. "It was organized to promote church activities and after several reorganizations, is still functioning as the Kinsman Valley Club. This group has carried on a variety of fund-raising, social and philanthropic activities over the years."[1]

In the last few years, the Club has sponsored the Holiday Party, the Firewarden's Dinner, the Town Cleanup, the Summer Fair and has supplied the Town Hall with new chairs, tables, a new water heater, matching dishes, silverware, the microphone and amplifier.

The Town of Easton thanks you, dear ladies, for all you have done and are doing.

[1] ***Looking Back at Easton*** *by Ruth Towne and Chris Jerome*

Town of Easton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1988

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

WALTER WOODS	(Term expires 1989)
FRED MOODY	(Term expires 1990)
CHARLES CHASE	(Term expires 1991)

Town Clerk
BARBARA COLLIER

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
BERNICE CUTTER

Auditor
RALPH BRIGIDA

Fire Superintendent
STANLEY SHERBURN

Chief of Police
EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator
STEPHEN NORTH (1990)

Librarian
VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Supervisors of the Checklist

FONTELLE SILVER	(1990)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1992)
HELEN SOPER	(1994)

Recreation Committee

PAT CLARK
KATHY RADER

Trustee of the Trust Funds
BRENDA SHANNON

Lafayette School Board
BETTY MOODY

Library Trustees

EUNICE WOODS	(1990)
MARGARET WHITCOMB	(1990)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1991)

Cemetery Trustees

PAUL SCHLEGEL	(1989)
PARKER TOWLE	(1990)
LEE STRIMBECK	(1991)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

ED CUTTER	(1989)	BILL KENNEY	(1990)
MIKE GARVAN	(1991)	MARY ELLEN BARNES	(1991)
PAUL SCHLEGEL	Alternate	LOUISA KENNEY	Alternate
LEON J. WHITE	Alternate	WALTER WOODS	(ex officio)

Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

DENNIS FORD	(1990)	DONNA NORTH	(1991)
PAUL SCHLEGEL	(1992)	KAY GLOVER	(1993)
BARBARA COLLIER	Alternate	LEE STRIMBECK	Alternate

FRED MOODY (ex officio)

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Tuesday, March 14, 1989. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Articles 1 through 18. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. *(Ballot Vote)*

To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove proposed amendments Articles No. 2 through No. 18 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board on the official ballot. *(Ballot Vote)*

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To create a new district called the WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT to include poorly and very-poorly drained soils as identified on the S.C.S. Easton Soil Survey. The proposal lists limited permitted and special exception uses. Additional provisions include a procedure for correcting wetlands classification, a limit on the amount of wetland area that can be used to fulfill the minimum lot size, and a setback for septic tanks and leach fields.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To create a new district called the AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT based on the categary of "high potential to yield groundwater" from the U.S. Geological Survey "Groundwater Availability Map". The proposal includes a procedure for correcting the aquifer delineation, and generally requires that all permitted uses meet specific restrictions against storage, disposal, processing, etc. of toxic and hazardous wastes and materials. Among other provisions are standards for agriculture, forestry, and sand and gravel excavation (a special exception) which are designed to protect ground water quality.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To create a new district called the STEEP SLOPES DISTRICT to include land with an average slope of 25% and greater as mapped on the S.C.S. Easton Soil Survey. Permitted uses are limited, and each lot will be required to have at least one acre of "buildable land" within at least three acres of land. Additional provisions include a prohibition against septic systems on land with 25% slope or

greater, better engineering data to be submitted at the time of building (if required by Selectmen), and a procedure for correcting the steep slopes classification.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To amend the introductory clause to Section 602 on Special Exceptions by DELETING the phrase "may be authorized by a regular or special town meeting as provided by law".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 6. Are you in faavor of adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exceptions uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Nursery, private or boarding schools".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Clinic, hospitals, nursing homes or rest homes, other than the care of the insane, feeble-minded and other than for drug or liquor addicts".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use "Cemeteries".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 9. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Private clubs".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 10. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Golf clubs".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 11. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Swimming pools".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 12. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Motels and hotels" and CHANGE "tourist homes" to read: "Tourist homes, including bed and breakfast establishments, not to exceed 8 guest rooms".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 13. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

From the list of special exception uses in Section 602, DELETE the use: "Two-family dwellings, with at least 3 acres per family unit required". ADD the same use to Section 601, Residential Uses Permitted.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 14. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To the list of special exception uses in Section 602, ADD the use: "Day-care services, not to exceed 10 children".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 15. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To the list of special exception uses in Section 602, ADD the use: "Group health-care or residential home for elderly people, not to exceed 5 patients, with a minimum lot size of 5 acres".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 16. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

MOVE from the list of Group Service Uses Permitted in Section 601(b), the use: "Community center, hall, lodge, park or playground operated by the Town of Easton." Combine with the special exception use: "Fire stations, municipal buildings, and libraries" to be a special exception use listed in Section 602 to read as follows: "Municipal buildings and uses, such as but not limited to a community hall, fire station, library, park or recreation area."

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 17. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

ADD to the special exception use in Section 602, "Parks and recreation areas...", the phrase "Non-commercial."

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 18. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 17 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

CHANGE the definition of home occupation in Section 801 to allow limited sales of goods produced on-site, and to limit the area to be occupied by such sales to no more than 250 square feet of the total space allocated to the home occupation area in a dwelling or accessory structure.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,540.00 for General Town Operations *(Majority Vote Required).*

Town Officers Salaries	$ 2,600.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	750.00
Town Buildings	3,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00
Planning & Zoning	650.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	500.00
Bulding Inspection	200.00
Library	400.00
General Assistance	100.00
Contingency Fund	2,400.00
Tax Map Update	440.00
Police Department	3,300.00
Fire Department	12,000.00
General Highway Department Expenses	14,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	12,000.00
Insurance	3,000.00
TOTAL	$59,540.00

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, receive and expend, without further action, any grants which may become available during the year as set forth in RSA 31:95-b.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $404.00 for Regional Associations in accordance with the following schedule:

North Country Council	$229.00
Tri-County Community Action Program	$175.00

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 for the Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,463.00 for operational expenses of the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,473.00 for Regional Health Care Agencies in accordance with the following schedule:

Franconia FAST Squad	$300.00
Ross Ambulance Service	500.00
White Mountain Mental Health Agency	188.00
North Country Home Health Agency	304.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Fire Protection Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the preparation of a Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The CIP will plan for long term expenditures by the Town and provide the basis for a growth management ordinance.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission of 7 members and 2 alternative members in accordance with RSA 36-A, said members to be appointed within 30 days of the annual meeting by the Selectmen, who also shall designate a temporary chairperson for the purpose of calling the first meeting of the commission and furthermore to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for operating expenses of the Conservation Committee.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, said funds to be placed in a conservation fund as authorized by RSA 36-A:51 and allowed to accumulate from year to year.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from State matching funds made available through the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP), RSA 221-A, and through private donations of land or partial interest in land, to be used only for acquisition in the name of the Town of the fee simple or lesser interest in conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use and further, to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land or partial interest in land or money for the purposes of contributing to the local match portion required for acquiring conservation land or interest in land and other costs therewith for permanent conservation use under the LCIP <u>and</u> to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept the State matching funds under the NH LCIP for the purpose of acquisition of the fee or lesser interest in conservation land.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be collected by the State and no less than 80% shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to act as the franchising authority for the franchising and regulation of a cable television system for the Town pursuant to RSA 53-C *(By Petition)*

ARTICLE 33. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Walter Woods, Chairman
Charles C. Chase
Frederick S. Moody
Selectmen of Easton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Easton's town-wide reappraisal of properties was completed in 1988, subject to any final appeals adjustments. We feel that the appraisals were carefully prepared and that most of the inequities that developed since the last town-wide reappraisal made in 1970 have been corrected. An interim accounting adjustment in properties made in 1980 to bring the equalization rate up to 100% did not correct disproportionate land values in relation to buildings values or any of the other inconsistencies that existed at that time.

Total assessed valuation in Easton moved up from $7,954,958 in 1987 to $25,155,344 in 1988. This was more than a three-fold increase. At the same time the tax rate dropped from $18.40 to $5.81 which was about one third of the 1987 rate. The effects of the increased valuation and the decreased tax rate were off-setting so that total taxes assessed in Easton did not change significantly as a result of the reappraisal.

Easton's portion of the Tri-Town base map/dispatch map contract with Cartographic Associates has also been completed. The map locates all buildings in town and each home has been assigned a house/street number. Final implementation of the new dwelling numbering system will require that all roads be identified with a sign and that all homeowners visably display the dwelling number. These numbers will be used by the dispatch center serving Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill to give quicker and more accurate locations of buildings to fire, police and rescue departments.

The town is also participating in one of the first Geographic Information System (GIS) projects in the state. Cartographic Associates will be integrating our graphic data base (maps) with our textual data base (map index, blotter book, etc.) into one system. Ongoing maintenance costs or additions to the system will be billed but the initial project will be done at no cost to the town.

The limited manpower in Easton, especially during daytime hours, continues to be the greatest roadblock for creating an Easton Fire Department. This situation has improved somewhat in the last two years but it still appears that our most prudent course is to continue with outside services. We feel that we should continue to maintain the Fire Department Reserve Fund to be used when feasible to start our own department or to cover extraordinary fire related costs.

We wish to thank the town officers, the women of the Kinsman Valley Club and all others who participated in, or made contributions to town affairs during the year.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	$ 8,044.77
Uncollected Taxes Levy of 1988	68,996.41
Uncollected Resident Taxes Levy of 1988	90.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund	15,300.76
Total Assets	$92,431.94

LIABILITIES

School Tax Payable	$31,568.00
Reappraisal Fund	9,081.48
Fire Protection Contingency Fund (Article 18)	15,300.76
Dispatch Map Article 12 (88) Unfunded	1,550.00
Overpayment of 1987 Property Taxes and Interest	77.21
Total Liabilities	$57,577.45
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	$34,854.49

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1988	Actual 1988	Estimated 1989
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,280.00	$ 1,300.00
Yield Taxes	-0-	544.06	500.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	-0-	228.54	-0-
Inventory Penalties - Resident Tax	-0-	2.00	-0-
Intergovenmental Revenues-State:			
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	2,000.00	2,200.04	2,000.00
Highway Block Grant	3,000.00	3,825.62	3,000.00
Other Reimbursements-Fire Warden	-0-	27.00	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues-Federal:			
National Forest	9,000.00	9,059.40	3,000.00
Article 15 Interest Revenue Sharing	48.00	48.09	-0-
US Entitlement	1,200.00	1,314.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees & Titles	15,000.00	18,087.00	18,000.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties	-0-	196.50	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees - Marriage	150.00	211.00	150.00
Other Permits & Fees-Donations	150.00	-0-	-0-
Transfer Station Stickers	-0-	252.00	-0-
Charges for Services:			
Income from Departments - Planning Board and Board of Adjustment	-0-	119.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Deposits	-0-	2,580.71	2,000.00
Histories	750.00	8.50	-0-
Chamber of Commerce	-0-	11.35	-0-
Install Private Road Sign	-0-	75.00	-0-
Town Clerk Petty Cash	-0-	25.00	-0-
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	14,000.00	12,072.99	-0-
Interest Cemetery Fund	-0-	390.90	592.00
Yield Tax Bond	500.00	-0-	-0-
Total Revenues and Credits	$47,098.00	$52,558.70	$31,992.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Estimated 1988	Actual 1988	Estimated 1989
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salary	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,278.90	2,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	500.00	1,621.05	750.00
Cemeteries	400.00	800.00	-0-
General Government Buildings	3,000.00	2,857.92	3,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	-0-	500.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	435.45	650.00
Legal Expenses	500.00	1,637.96	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Association	500.00	455.50	500.00
Contingency Fund	2,000.00	-0-	2,400.00
Tax Map Update	300.00	285.18	440.00
Article Regional Associations	879.00	878.80	404.00*
Article Chamber of Commerce	-0-	-0-	1,000.00*
Public Safety:			
Police Department	2,500.00	2,833.60	3,300.00
Fire Department	13,000.00	9,562.81	12,000.00
Building Inspection	200.00	-0-	200.00
Article - Dispatch Map	1,550.00	-0-	-0-
Highways, Streets, & Bridges:			
General Highway Dept. Expenses	14,000.00	10,659.70	14,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	8,000.00	9,351.98	12,000.00
Health:			
Hospitals & Ambulances-			
Article Health Care	856.00	856.00	1,473.00*
Animal Control	50.00	-0-	-0-
Article Fast Squad	300.00	300.00	-0-
Welfare:			
General Assistance	50.00	243.38	100.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	400.00	400.00	400.00
Parks & Recreation			
Article Franconia Recreation	1,361.00	1,361.00	1,463.00*
Conservation Commission			

Article Establish & Fund	-0-	-0-	300.00*
Capital Outlay:			
Proceeds of Bonds & Long-Term Notes	60,000.00	-0-	-0-
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	14,000.00	-0-	-0-
Article Capital Improvement Program	-0-	-0-	1,000.00*
Operating Transfers Out:			
Article-Fire Protection Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00*
Article-Reappraisal Reserve Fund	14,000.00	6,491.51	-0-
Article-Reappraisal Reserve Fund	3,500.00	-0-	-0-
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance	3,500.00	2,577.00	3,000.00
Tax Collector - Prepayments	-0-	467.50	-0-
Tax Collector - Refunds - Rebates	-0-	2,295.00	-0-
Total Appropriations (156,246 - 74,000)	$82,246.00	$66,250.24	$70,180.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			$31,992.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			$38,188.00
General Town Operation		$59,540.00	
*Other Articles		10,640.00*	
Total		$70,180.00	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall - Land	$ 30,100.00	
Building	106,700.00	
Total 1988 Assessment		$136,800.00
Furniture and Equipment		3,300.00
Library - Furniture and Equipment		2,200.00
Police Department - Equipment		1,200.00
Fire Department - Equipment		1,100.00
Total		$144,600.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	$13,609,885.00
Buildings	11,143,300.00
Electric Utilities	538,959.00
Gross Valuation	25,292,144.00
Less Town Hall-Land	136,800.00
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	$25,155,344.00
Increase in Net Valuation over 1987	$17,200,886.00

	1988 Tax Rate	%	1987 Tax Rate	%
TOWN	$1.80	30.98	$5.95	32.34
COUNTY	1.01	17.38	2.42	13.15
SCHOOL	3.00	51.64	10.03	54.51
TOTAL	$5.81/1000	100.00%	$18.40/1000	100.00%

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the reports and accounts from the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Committee and Library Trustees of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1988. My examination was made in accordance with the New Hampshire code of Administration Rules Rev. 505.01 through 505.09 and generally accepted auditing standards as I deemed necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these reports and accounts present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1988.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
February 16, 1989

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts	
Motor Vehicles	$18,058.00
Titles	29.00
Dogs	184.50
Marriage Licenses	20.00
Histories	8.50
Filings	7.00
Cert. Ccpies	-0-
UCC'S	-0-
Penalties	12.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Dump Stickers	252.00
Total Receipts	$18,596.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriation	$82,246.00
Less Revenue and Credits	39,976.00
Net Town Appropriation	$42,270.00
Net School Tax	76,768.00
Net County Tax	25,455.00
Total - Town - School - County	144,493.00
Less Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	1,436.00
Add War Service Credits	1,100.00
Add Overlay	2,501.00
Property Tax To Be Raised	$146,658.00
Less War Service Credits	1,100.00
Total Tax Commitment	145,558.00
Tax Adjustment (Note 1)	-400.00
Property Tax Committed To Collector	$145,158.00

(Note 1) An addition error in the property valuation totals sent to the State of New Hampshire resulted in a $400.00 loss in tax revenues.

TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1988 & Prior - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of: 1988	Prior
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	$	$5,087.50
Resident Taxes		10.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	145,158.00	
Resident Taxes	1,340.00	
Added Taxes:		
Resident Taxes	10.00	20.00
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes	2,020.00	75.00
a/c Interest Collected		2.21
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	46.01	180.32
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	1.00	1.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$148,575.01	$5,376.03

CREDITS

	Levies of: 1988	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	$78,077.59	5,162.50
Resident Taxes	1,250.00	30.00
Interest on Taxes	46.01	182.53
Penalties on Resident Tax	1.00	1.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes	104.00	
Resident Taxes	10.00	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	68,996.41	
Resident Taxes	90.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	$148,575.01	$5,376.03

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1988

Property Taxes:	
Thomas & Anne C. Allen	$ 583.00
Robert DeSimone & William Berven	375.00
Richard & Theresa Carignan	352.00
Graydon Peckett	275.00
Peter Hussey	24.00
Chester & Ruth King	275.00
Vincent & Janice McGroary	52.00
L. Gerard Paine, Est.	1,171.00
Dr. Heidi Root	21.25
Julien Valentin, Jr.	151.00
Total	$3,279.25

Plus Interest to all of the above figures.
Balance unpaid taxes (65,716.66) due 2/15/89.

Resident Taxes:	
Richard Carignan	$10.00
Theresa Carignan	10.00
John Kenney, Jr.	10.00
David Kenney	10.00
Michelle Kenney	10.00
Chester King	10.00
Ruth King	10.00
Joanne Miller	10.00
Gail Thornton	10.00
Total	$90.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1988	$56,326.50
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	84,750.63
Barbara Collier, Town Clerk	18,596.00
Selectmen	184.00
State of New Hampshire	15,112.06
Board of Adjustment	47.00
Planning Board Fees for Subdivision	72.00
Timber Tax	544.06
Cemetery	390.90
Federal Entitlement Lands	1,314.00
Trustees of Trust Funds (Article 18)	12,072.99
The Savers Bank (Revenue Sharing Fund Article 15, Closed Account)	48.09
Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton Chamber of Commerce	11.35
Private Road Sign	75.00
Interest from General Fund	2,580.71
Total Receipts to General Fund	$135,798.79
Total Receipts in General Fund	$192,125.29
1988 Selectmen Orders	184,080.52
Balance, January 1, 1989	$ 8,044.77

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes, 1987 Levy	$ 5,162.50
Property Tax Interests, 1987 Levy	182.53
Resident Tax, 1987 Levy	30.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1987 Levy	1.00
Property Tax 1988	78,077.59
Resident Tax 1988	1,250.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1988	1.00
Property Tax Interest, 1988	46.01
Total	$ 84,750.63
From Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$ 18,058.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	29.00
Dog Licenses (49)	184.50
Dog Penalties	12.00
Filing Fees	7.00
Marriage License	20.00
Histories	8.50
Petty Cash	25.00
Transfer Stickers	252.00
Total	$ 18,596.00
From Selectman:	
Building Permits	$ 69.00
Pistol Permits	20.00
Fees & Donations	95.00
Total	$ 184.00
From State of New Hampshire:	
Block Grant	$ 3,825.62
Revenue District	2,200.04
Fire Warden Matching Funds: Training School	27.00
National Forest	9,059.40
Total	$ 15,112.06
Board of Adjustment	$ 47.00
Planning Board Fees for Subdivision	$ 72.00
Timber Tax	$ 544.06

Cemetery	$ 390.90
Federal Entitlement Lands	$ 1,314.00
Trustees of Trust Funds (Article 18)	$ 12,072.99
The Savers Bank (Revenue Sharing Fund Article 15)	$ 48.09
Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton - Chamber of Commerce	$ 11.35
Private Road Sign	$ 75.00
Interest From General Fund	$ 2,580.71
TOTAL	$135,798.79

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:	
Walter Woods	$ 500.00
Fred Moody	400.00
Charles Chase	400.00
Fontelle Silver	500.00
Barbara Collier	275.00
Bernice Cutter	275.00
Ralph Brigida	150.00
Stephen North	100.00
Total	$ 2,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses:	
Loring, Short & Harmon	$ 226.08
North Country Council	67.50
Barbara Collier, Town Clerk	805.60
Bernice Cutter, Treasurer, Supplies & Adding Machine	88.58
Harrison Publishing House	124.75
B.J. Wordshop	710.81
Charles Chase, 2 attended Workshops; Trip to Concord and Office Supplies	73.24
Sherwin Dodge	28.50
Fontelle Silver (1987 expenses)	119.84
NH Municipal Assoc. - 2 attended Lectures	34.00
Total	$ 2,278.90
Election & Registration:	
Harrison Publishing House	$ 876.75
Town of Franconia	58.50
Edna Boisvert	24.50
Fontelle Silver	191.30
Helen Soper	188.00
Carolyn Chase	110.00
Rosemary Hall	10.00
Bernice Cutter	86.00
William Nicholson	36.00
J. Walsh	40.00
Total	$ 1,621.05
Total Hall Expenses:	
Harris Energy, Inc.	$ 974.45
Public Service of New Hampshire	291.74

New England Telephone	393.75
J. Cavanaugh & Son	482.00
Sears Water Pump	148.93
Edward Cutter	118.94
Franconia Hardware	13.68
Franconia Gas	214.93
E.E. Bigelow - Battery & Electrical Repairs	53.05
J.C. Plumbing & Heating - Furnace upkeep	166.45
Total	$ 2,857.92
Police:	
Edward Cutter	$ 1,815.60
Portable Radio	697.00
Grafton County Sheriffs Department - 8123 Line	321.00
Total	$ 2,833.60
Planning & Zoning:	
Sherwin Dodge	$ 254.50
Grafton County Conservation Dist.	15.00
B.J. Wordshop	93.10
Brandon Shannon - Wetland Flyers, Letters information, Reg. Book	65.85
Mary Ellen, Municipal Law Lecture	7.00
Total	$ 435.45
Fire Department:	
Fire Warden Training - W. Woods & E. Cutter	$ 68.20
Durand Cooley - Fire Warden Services 1986-87	80.00
Town of Sugar Hill - Contract Fee	3,500.00
Town of Sugar Hill - Fire Alarm & Car Fire	552.50
Town of Franconia - Fire Contract	3,500.00
Town of Franconia - Fire Charges (5)	1,475.00
Town of Franconia - 8123 Phone	66.11
Grafton County Sheriffs Dept. - 8123 Line	321.00
Total	$ 9,562.81
Insurance:	
Hunkins & Eaton Agency	$ 220.00
NH Municipal Workers Compensation Fund	331.00
NHMA-PLIT, Inc.	2,014.00
Illinois National Insurance Co.	12.00
Total	$ 2,577.00

Transfer Station:	
Town of Franconia	$ 9,351.98
Road Maintenance:	
Summer:	
Bob Peckett & Sons	$ 2,428.08
Carroll Wright	400.00
Arthur Whitcomb, Inc.	30.82
Total	$ 2,858.90
Winter:	
Bob Peckett & Sons	$ 7,243.75
International Salt	557.05
Total	$ 7,800.80
Town Welfare	$ 243.38
Easton Free Public Library Committee	$ 400.00
Easton Cemetery Committee	$ 800.00
Nighswander, Martin & Mitchell, P.A.	$ 1,637.96
Tax Collector, transfer of money received in 1987 for 1988 payment	$ 467.50
Cartographic Associates, Inc., Tax Map Update	$ 285.18
Advertising & Regional Associations:	
NH Municipal Association, Dues	$ 400.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association, Dues	12.00
NH Tax Collectors Association, Dues	15.00
Sherwin Dodge	28.50
Total	$ 455.50
Refunds, Rebates:	
Lori Sherburn	$ 134.00
William Donovan	136.00
Kathy Rader	5.00
Richard & Susan Ball	674.00
Gerald & Patricia Coogan	209.00
Frank Federico	138.00
Warren W. Keon	298.00
Harold & Dolores Klumbach	35.00
Weis & Coberly	160.00

P.S.N.H.	262.00
Daniel & Zoe Sturgis	178.00
Joseph White	66.00
Total	$ 2,295.00
Articles:	
09 - Franconia, Sugar Hill, & Easton	
Chamber of Commerce	$ 500.00
North Country Council	228.80
Tri-County Community Action	150.00
10 - Franconia Recreation Program	1,361.00
11 - Franconia FAST Squad	300.00
16 - Ross Ambulance	205.00
White Mountain Mental	188.00
North Country Home Health Agency	282.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00
18 - Revaluation of all Properties in Town:	
State of NH Re-Appraisal Manual	25.00
Assessment Cards	62.97
Village Book Store Topographic Maps	5.00
Thomas Walker, Assessor	5,781.57
BJ's Wordshop	553.47
Harrison Publishing House	63.50
19 - Fire Protection Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Total	$ 14,887.31
Grafton County:	
Tax, A.F. Stiegler III	$ 25,455.00
Probate Court	1.50
Register of Deeds	19.50
Total	$ 25,476.00
State of NH - Marriage License	$ 13.00
School Districts:	
Lafayette Regional School	$ 31,942.00
Profile School	60,398.00
Total	$ 92,340.00
Adjustment to January 1, 1988 Balance	$ 1.28
Total 1988 Payments	$184,080.52

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31,1988

Cemetery Reserve Funds

		PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Balance Beginning of Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
1916	R.W. Young	$ 100.00	$	$ 100.00	$ 30.90	$ 9.59	$ 8.05	$ 32.44
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	100.00		100.00	43.27	10.50	8.80	44.97
1937	Orin G. Bowles	200.00		200.00	183.47	28.05	23.54	187.98
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00		114.00	61.98	12.82	11.83	62.97
1949 & 1979	Charles A. Young	300.00		300.00	85.57	28.08	25.90	87.75
1959	Florence Pease	200.00		200.00	125.94	23.74	21.87	127.81
1966 & 1985	Whitcomb, Tabbutt	600.00		600.00	78.35	54.21	60.01	72.55
1970	Edson M. & Harriet Bailey	100.00		100.00	28.93	9.37	8.65	29.65
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25		71.25	39.11	8.03	7.41	39.73
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	100.00	8.00	92.00	32.50	7.21	7.15	32.56
1971	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	100.00		100.00	26.28	9.20	8.48	27.00
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	50.00		50.00	17.05	4.90	4.50	17.45
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	100.00		100.00	26.09	9.19	8.47	26.81
1973	L. Gerald Paine	750.00		750.00	216.40	97.53	96.22	217.71
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00		100.00	26.57	9.21	8.50	27.28
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00		100.00	20.31	8.76	8.07	21.00
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	200.00		200.00	30.85	16.82	15.50	32.17
1979	Merton Edney	100.00		100.00	15.64	8.42	7.77	16.29
1979	Clayton & Sadie Glover	200.00	8.00	192.00	38.15	12.98	12.86	38.27
1980	Margaret Wolff	100.00	8.00	92.00	16.69	6.34	6.32	16.71
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultze	300.00		300.00	43.70	25.16	21.11	47.75
1985	Wm. A. & Carol J. Bailey	200.00	8.00	192.00	11.43	11.53	11.43	11.53
1985	Stuart L. or Uncha Bowles	50.00	8.00	42.00	1.40	.89	.46	1.83
1988	Stewart & David Bowles	200.00	8.00	192.00	-0-	9.43	-0-	9.43
1988	Bealah Bowles	100.00	8.00	92.00	-0-	4.68	-0-	4.68
	TOTALS	$4,535.25	$56.00(1)	$4,479.25	$1,200.58(2)	$426.64	$392.90	$1,234.32

All Trusts are invested at The Savers Bank

(1) This amount represents bank service charges to be added back in 1989 by bank.

(2) Beginning income balances have been adjusted to remove previously included 1988 interest.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31,1988

Capital Reserve Funds

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
1985	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	$3,500.00	$	$3,500.00	$	$ 701.00	$ 294.44	$ 995.44	$
1985	Fire Protection Contingency Fund	2,000.00			2,000.00	400.60	233.03		633.63
1986	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00		203.65	200.52	404.17	
1986	Fire Protection Contingency Fund	2,000.00			2,000.00	116.36	163.90		280.26
1987	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00			173.38	173.38	
1987	Fire Protection Contingency Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00		386.87		386.87
1988	Fire Protection Contingency Fund		5,000.00		5,000.00				
	TOTALS	$19,500.00	$5,000.00	$10,500.00	$14,000.00	$1,421.61(2)	$1,452.14	$1,572.99	$1,300.786

All Trusts are invested at The Savers Bank

(2) Beginning income balances have been adjusted to remove previously included 1988 interest.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

There was one burial during the year. No lots were purchased.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1988	$ 90.29
Receipts from Town	800.00
Total	$890.29

EXPENSES

James Cavanaugh, Caretaking	$800.03
Hardware	38.66
Total	$838.69
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1988	$ 51.60

Cemetery Lots - none
Trust Fund Income - $390.90 - Direct to Town Treasurer
Net Cost to Town for Cemetery - $447.79

Paul Schlegel
Lee Strimbeck
Parker Towle

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

REPORT OF EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACCIDENTS:

Easton had 7 this year, some quite bad but only minor injuries. State Police may have responded to a few this department was not notified of. This department was able to obtain assistance for persons whose cars had broken down or were off the road because of poor road conditions but not damaged.

BREAK-INS:

Damage caused by forced entry in the 6 incidents was more costly than the few items that were found missing. With the assistance of the State Police some fingerprints were obtained at one location. Investigation is continuing at this time.

DOGS:

One local dog with ID had a ride on the Tram back to its owner. Another young dog survived three days in the woods before turning up at a house three miles away. 3 or 4 dogs that were strays had a ride to a veterinarian because they had no ID.

DON'T FORGET THE APRIL 30 DEADLINE FOR DOG LICENSES

There were 230 calls for assistance, information, or concerns by residents of Easton, other Police Agencies, and out-of-towners.

This department wishes to Thank the Sheriffs Department, the State Police, the Franconia Police Department, and the Sugar Hill Police Department for their assistance and back up when necessary.

We have carried out the requests of the Selectmen and appreciate their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cutter
Police Chief

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1988 was a quiet year for fire calls in Easton. We had only three fires; consisting of two car fires and one trees on power lines fire.

Chimney fires are down. I believe this is due in part to lower costs of fuel and therefore lesser use of wood stoves. But we mustn't let our guard down for good maintenance of stoves. Oil furnaces also need proper maintenance for fire safety; cleaning, tune-ups and proper safety switches.

Fire safety in the home is a continuous commitment that must always be done; clean chimneys, maintain proper clearance to combustables, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, good wiring and proper fuses to mention a few.

Both oil and wood stoves must be inspected prior to start up of a new installation. Please call me for an inspection and/or questions you might have.

This report is respectfully submitted.

Stanley R. Sherburn
Fire Superintendent

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

For the past year only routine highway maintenance has been done with the exception of a small addition to the parking area at the town hall.

Now, more crushed gravel will be needed on some of the gravel roads.

Also, all black-top town roads now need resurfacing which will require sweeping, cold patching, asphalting and backsanding.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Peckett, III

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1987 and June 1988, we experienced more fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217, or local Forest Ranger.

On January 1, 1989, the Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law (RSA 224:54) goes into effect. This law, in summary, states that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in the course of buying or selling a forest product, uses a false weight or measure for falsely determining any quality or quantity of a forest product. For more information, contact one of the persons mentioned above.

John Q. Ricard, Forest Ranger
Durand Cooley, Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1988

Number of Fires Statewide	498
Acres Burned Statewide	509.10
Cost of Suppression Statewide	$78,144.93

DISTRICT

Number of Fires	21
Acres Burned	40.5
Cost of Suppression	$6,598.17

TOWN - EASTON

Number of Fires	0
Acres Burned	0
Cost of Suppression	0

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1988	$ .87	
Receipts during the year:		
State of New Hampshire Aid to Libraries	109.44	
Robert M. Kempton Donation	150.00	
Town of Easton	400.00	
Kinsman Valley Club Book Sale	8.15	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$668.46

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	$225.00	
Library Expenses	7.00	
Books Purchased	372.68	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$604.68
Balance on hand - December 31, 1988		$ 63.78
Balance, December 31, 1988:		
Sadie N. Glover & Helen J. Young Memorial Fund		$619.91
Dadja Merwin Memorial Fund		45.60[1]

[1] Includes $8.00 of bank service charges subsequently credited back in 1989.

The Library Trustees will focus, in the coming year, on acquiring books of historical interest with emphasis on our local area. It is apparent that our Library cannot serve every interest; therefore, we shall attempt to expend a greater proportion of available funds in this direction with the ultimate goal of significantly enlarging our inventory of local history books and materials. In this effort, we would appreciate donations of local history books, especially out of print books, scrapbooks, diaries, pictures or other memorabilia, which could be added to this historical collection.

Trustees-Easton Public Library:

Eunice M. Woods
Margaret T. Whitcomb
Carolyn H. Chase

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Media Van made 10 trips to Easton in 1988. We borrowed 357 books. There were 49 books given to the Library. We bought 61 books with the town appropriation. Many thanks to those who donated books and magazines.

Books sold and discarded	28
Number of visitors	99
Number of readers	19

Books Loaned:

Adult fiction	215
Adult non-fiction	139
Juvenile and magazines	14
Total circulation	368

The Library is open from 2 to 4 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Life Squad once again has had a very busy year. We started in January with a monthly recertification program which is required to maintain our Emergency Medical Technician status. We helped host the Hayseed 88 Bluegrass Festival again which was a success even though for the first time it rained on us. We also provided medical support for the Rugby Tournament.

Through the support of Sugar Hill and Easton this year we were able to purchase many new items for the squad including new paging equipment.

Our yearly activity totaled 71 patients. The breakdown is as follows:

Chronic Medical Problems	12
Emergency Medical Problems	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents	26
Death by Natural Causes	1
Dry Runs	0
Household Emergencies	3
Athletic/Recreation Accidents	5
Dog Bites	1
Drug, Alcohol, Emotional, Poisons	5
Smoke Inhalation	0
Airplane Accidents	2
Total	71

Breakdown of patients per Town:

Franconia	47
Easton	7
Sugar Hill	15
Bethlehem	2
Total	71

Once again I wish to thank the Squad members for their devotion and hard work in making the Life Squad an asset to the communities of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill. I also wish to thank the towns for their support of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody, Chief
Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM

WINTER:

The ice hockey teams had successful seasons this year. The Franconia Flyers, under the direction of Coach Barry Field and Assistant Coach Dave Wood, finished the regular season in first place and captured second place in the final tournament in Berlin. The younger team, coached by Jim Cavanaugh, added ten new skaters and looks forward to a winning '89 season. The rink was painted by the Lafayette Lions Club and Cub Scout Pack 217 this fall and looks great.

SPRING:

Dave Sullivan directed another successful baseball season. The Little League team, led by Coaches Jeff Hultgren and Greg Connors, captured the Tri-Town All Star Championship for the third consecutive year, and brought the trophy home for keeps. Hal Tuttle ran another successful girls' softball season, and Lyn McIntosh managed two full farm-league teams.

SUMMER:

The summer program, under the direction of Karen Smith, had a very successful season. Jeannie Serino returned as the swimming instructor and helped 90 children improve their aquatic skills. Jennifer Larabee and Karen, with the aid of Jennifer Peters, brought many new activities to the program, so the enrollment increased as the season progressed. The Sugar Loafs, Zealand and other peaks were scaled, Ruggles Mine was explored, the Bike Path was mastered, and rafts were afloat on the lower falls of the Ammonoosuc River. The season ended with a trip to the Whale's Tale, the Granby Zoo, and a successful presentation of "Fairy Island", written and performed by the children.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board has had a varied year. We have continued on with work on the master plan, visited a few subdivision sites as well as a gravel pit, upgraded our subdivision regulations and prepared driveway regulations, debated the merits of a growth management ordinance, and possible prepared amendments to the Zoning Ordinances.

We find through necessity, logic or the press of time, that planning and regulation often go hand-in-hand. Our natural resources, land uses and community goals prepared for the master plan have been the starting point of several of the proposed zoning amendments. Reviewing landowner's plans for subdivision and building on-site gives us better insights into the larger, potential impacts on abutting properties and the Town as a whole.

The major highlights of the changes in the Subdivision Regulations include the requirement of high-intensity soil survey maps to permit better subdivision design and review, the ability for the Board to require a detailed sediment and erosion control plan for major subdivisions, more flexibility in the review and approval process, and a requirement that financial guarantees be provided by subdividers for any roads and other facilities needed by a subdivision. This past year, the Board approved two two-lot subdivisions.

The Board holds its regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month, and often has work sessions. We welcome your visits should you have thoughts, concerns or questions.

EASTON SKI CLUB

If there are any seniors and others interested in skiing at Cannon Mountain as a group, please get in touch with us. It's great!

Irv Salan
Paul Schlegel
Rob Wutzdorff
Charlie Chase

KINSMAN VALLEY CLUB

A calendar for the Kinsman Valley Club and events to take place during 1989.

Club Meetings ..... first Tuesday of each month

Town Election Day - 3:00 to 6:00 PM ..... Tuesday, March 14
Town Meeting - 7:30 PM ..... Tuesday, March 14

Clean Up Day ..... Saturday, May 13
Rain Date ..... Saturday, May 20

Summer Fair ..... Saturday, August 5

Fire Wardens Supper ..... Thursday, October 26

Holiday Party ..... Saturday, December 9

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

North Country Council observed its sixteenth year of successful operation in 1988. The Council, chartered under NH RSA 36:45, provides non-profit local and regional planning assistance to member municipalities. The Board of Directors determined that last year's work program would focus on community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation and housing. The Council maintains four standing committees which monitor local issues and determine Council policy. Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems.

In Easton, the Council continued to provide technical assistance to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on such matters as capital improvements programming, master planning and zoning. Specifically, an open space zoning amendment was proposed and information concerning the establishment of a municipal fire department was provided and a well-attended meeting was coordinated by the Council concerning the Land Conservation and Investment Program. Additionally, the Council administered regional solid waste district activities.

Community planning assistance continues to dominate our staff resources. New state mandates and rapid residential and commercial growth throughout the region placed an increasing burden on local planning and zoning boards in 1988. Regional workshops, technical bulletins and newsletters, ordinance review and update, as well as review of specific subdivision and site plan applications are a sampling of the myriad services performed this year for our membership. The Council also co-sponsored the popular Municipal Law Lecture Series which reviewed new case law and other specific areas of legal interest to local officials.

In addition, grant writing and grant administration continue as important components of the Council's work program. Currently, NCC staff members are working in twelve towns administering fifteen Community Development Block Grant programs. These projects include feasibility studies for local infrastructure needs, water and sewer construction projects and targeted housing rehabilitation programs for income eligible residents.

In summary, it is important to understand that the North Country Council is organized and administered for the benefit of its constituents, local town governments. Our future success is, in large part, contingent upon your participation in Council activities. We rely on and appreciate involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

At the 1988 Town Meeting the selectmen asked all those townspeople interested in conservation to add their names to a list. This was the beginning of our conservation commission. Subsequent to that Town Meeting we discovered that some years ago, Easton voted its conservation commission out because of its inactivity. We have spent the last year laying the groundwork for once again becoming an active conservation commission and at the 1989 Town Meeting an article will appear on the Town Warrant to reestablish the Easton Conservation Commission.

We have been meeting monthly (sometimes more often) and have been working on a variety of things such as a natural resource inventory for the town; mapping those natural resources; researching such things as endangered plants, wildlife habitats, aquifers, wetlands, etc.; gathering resource materials; and educating ourselves through workshops. The bulk of our time has been spent on the Trust for New Hampshire Lands' Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP). Our group became the local task force for the LCIP. In the fall we organized a well-attended public informational meeting to introduce townspeople to the LCIP and to seek out participants. Currently, we are working to put together a project to submit to the THNL this spring to help protect conservation land here in Easton.

Our hope is to establish an active conservation commission to provide a focal point for environmental concerns.

Brenda Shannon, Chairperson
Priscilla Phipps
Jim Collier
Mike Kenney
Maryanne Chippendale
Walter Woods
Wendy Matthews

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1988

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME & SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
October 2, 1988 Easton, NH	Sarah Jayne Kubick	Matthew F. Kubick	Virginia Guidi
November 11, 1988 Boston, MA	Jake M. Dexter	Russell Dexter	Lorie Dexter

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1988

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME, RESIDENCE & OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
July 31, 1988 Lincoln, NH	James I. Moody Gail Thornton	Easton, NH Easton, NH	Gary Rolph Pastor Woodstock, NH
August 25, 1988 New Castle, NH	Kenneth E. Bath Margaret Jane E. Westland	Easton, NH Worcester, MA	J. Donald Silva Pastor New Castle, NH
October 1, 1988 Franconia, NH	Eric N. Fancy Mary Ann Bergeron	Easton, NH Ipswich, MA	Paula G. Wolcott Minister Sugar Hill, NH

Emergency Telephone Number
8123
Fire - Police
Medical Emergency

Police Officer
Ed Cutter 823-8548

Fire Superintendent
Stanley Sherburn 823-5649

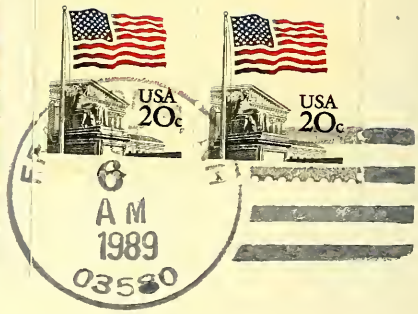
Fire Warden
Durand Cooley 823-5207

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 1989

Up to date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER

is required in Easton to License a dog.



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